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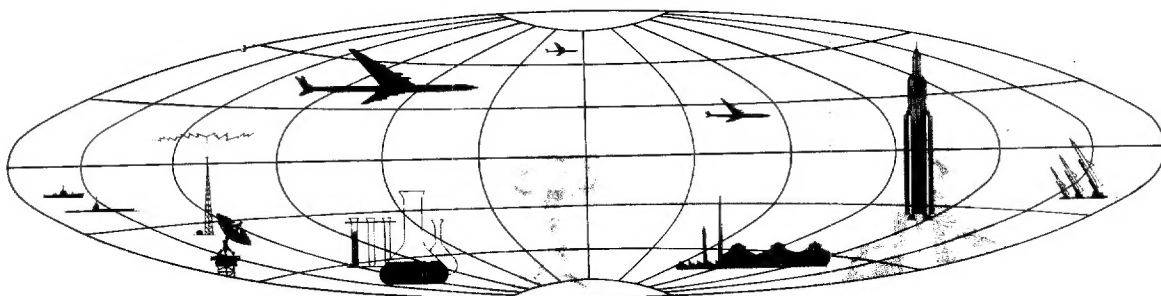


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## PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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## TRAINING AREA

(52-01N 023-44E)

BREST, BRESTSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

BELORUSSIAN MD

BE No: None

AL No: None

COMOR No: None

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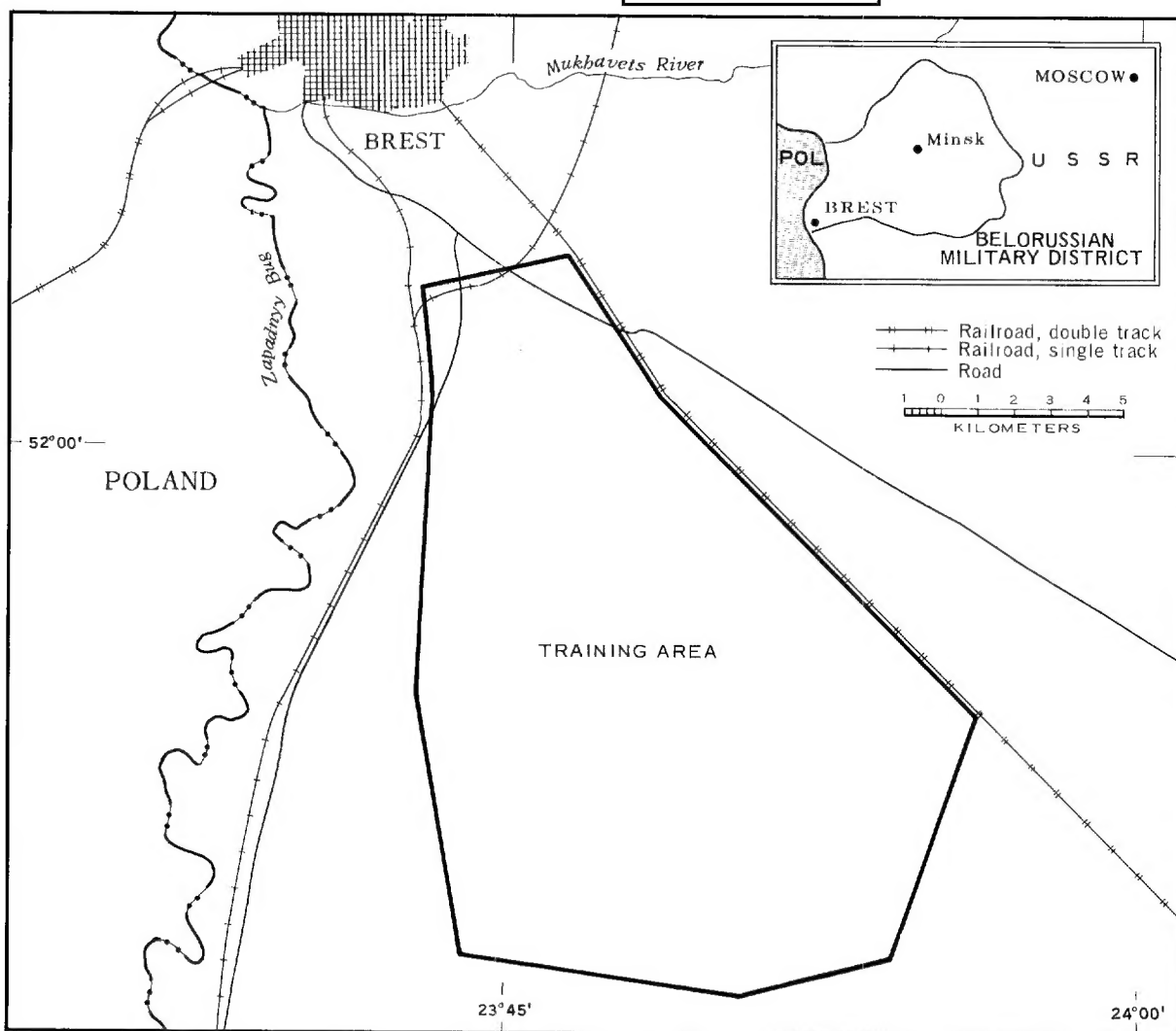


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF TRAINING AREA, BREST.

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### SUMMARY

A training area (Figure 1) is located 9 kilometers (km) south-southeast of Brest (52-06N 023-41E), adjacent to the Brest Army Camp Southeast (AL-2). The training area is not rail served; however, a rail yard and station are located adjacent to the southeast edge of the training area and 25 km southeast of Brest on the Brest-Kovel rail line. The rail-served Brest Army Camp Southeast, at the north end of the training area, may provide service for the training area. Road service is provided by the all-weather Brest-Kovel highway which passes through the northeast section of the training area, and the secondary Brest-Wlodawa highway which passes through the northwest section of the training area.

The training area (Figure 2) covers approximately 49,675 acres and extends 24 km along the long axis with an average width of 10 km.

Most of the training facilities are situated on a linear series of sand dunes. Dense forest cover and peat bogs comprise the larger part of the area. Facilities in the training area include a small bivouac area, a possible secured support area containing nine support buildings, two open vehicle/equipment parks, a wheeled-

vehicle driver training area containing one large closed-circuit course and five figure-8 courses, and a probable tracked-vehicle driver training course. There are also six tank/assault-gun firing ranges, two flat-trajectory firing ranges, two AAA battery emplacements, and four 6-gun field artillery battery emplacements. Two large combined-arms field training areas were observed with three areas of unidentified activity present in the one near the west border.

The area was covered by [redacted] missions [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Heavy track activity was observed 25X1

on all summer photography. An increase in 25X1

acreage and degree of scarring on the west combined-arms field training area is clearly 25X1

indicated on [redacted] coverage. Two of the 25X1

three unidentified activities at the west combined-arms area were added [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The five figure-8 25X1

driver training courses and two of the six 4-position field artillery battery emplacements 25X1

were first observed on [redacted] coverage. 25X1

The only winter activity observed is the utilization of four firing lanes on the tank/assault-gun firing ranges on [redacted] coverage. 25X1

### DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

#### Railroad Service

A station and rail yard are located on the southeast edge of the training area and 25 km southeast of Brest on the double track Brest-Kovel rail line. Brest Army Barracks Southeast, located at the north end of the training area, is rail served. Either or both of these facilities may serve the training area.

#### Road Service

The training area is bordered on the east by the all-weather Brest-Kovel highway and on the west by the secondary Brest-Wlodawa highway.

#### Administrative and Troop Housing Area

An undetermined number of possible tents are in a small bivouac area, Area D.

#### Other Buildings

Nine support buildings are located in Area H, a possibly secured support area connected by trails to the Brest-Wlodawa highway.

#### Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 is a 1,450- by 725-foot vehicle/equipment park. Three probable rows of possible vehicles were observed on [redacted] coverage. 25X1

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Area J2 is a 725- by 150-foot vehicle/equipment park. Two probable rows of possible vehicles were observed on [ ] coverage.

**Driver Training Areas**

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Area M1 is a wheeled-vehicle driver training area. Five figure-8 courses and a rectangular closed-circuit driver training course are located in the area. Heavier scarring is present on [ ] photography than on earlier missions. The figure-8 courses were first observed on [ ] photography.

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Area M2 is a probable tracked-vehicle driver training course composed of two parts. The northern part is a closed-circuit mesh pattern located in a sand dune area. The southern part is an elongated oval-shaped course located on flat terrain. Heavy scarring is present on all summer photography.

**Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges**

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Area N1 is a 1,300-foot range\* with three 1,100-foot firing lanes and two moving target runs,\*\* [ ]

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Area N2 is a 3,900-foot range with three 2,500-foot lanes and six moving targets, one [ ] one 90 degrees left, three 20 degrees right, [ ] Two firing lanes were active [ ] snow coverage.

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Area N3 is a 3,900-foot range with three 2,300-foot lanes and three moving targets, one 90 degrees right, one 5 degrees right, and one 85 degrees left.

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Area N4 is a 4,300-foot range with two 1,800-foot lanes and four moving targets, one 180 degrees, [ ] one 135 degrees right, [ ]

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Area N5 is a 4,300-foot range with three 2,500-foot lanes and one moving target [ ]

Area N6 is a 3,900-foot range with three 2,000-foot lanes and four moving targets, one

[ ] three at 175 degrees left. Two firing lanes were active on [ ] snow coverage.

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Extensive scarring is observed on ranges N1-6 during summer months. Winter activity was observed as indicated.

**Flat-Trajectory Firing Ranges**

Area P1 is a 4,000-foot range\* with two moving target runs,\*\* [ ] one 85 degrees right.

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Area P2 is a 2,600-foot range with seven moving target runs, one 90 degrees right, one 100 degrees right, one 100 degrees left, two 45 degrees left, one 40 degrees left, and one 80 degrees right.

Extensive ground scarring is observed in both areas on all summer photography.

**Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)**

Area Q1 contains four 6-gun field artillery emplacements. All emplacements (A, B, C & D) appear active.

Area Q2 contains two 6-gun AAA sites. Emplacement Q2A appears active, but emplacement Q2B is probably abandoned.

Area Q3 contains six 4-gun field artillery emplacements. Emplacements Q3A and Q3B appear active. Emplacements Q3C and Q3D are possibly abandoned and emplacements Q3E and Q3F are probably abandoned. The latter two were first observed on [ ] coverage.

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**Infantry or Combined-Arms**

**Field Training Area or Courses**

Extensive scarring and personnel trenches are observed on summer photography in Area R1. Extent and degree of scarring is greater on [ ] coverage than on earlier summer photography.

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Extensive scarring and personnel trenches are observed on all summer photography in Area R2.

\*The length of a range is the maximum distance from the static firing line to the moving target runs.

\*\*The angle of the moving target run is the angle formed by the target run and a perpendicular line from the static firing line to the target run at the control house position.

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FIGURE 2. TRAINING AREA, BREST, USSR

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**Unidentified Facilities or Tracking Activity**

Two sets of parallel linear ground scars 4,500 and 4,000 feet long are located on the west side of the combined-arms field training area (Area T1). The longer set has six ground scars and the shorter has five.

Nine radiating linear ground scars emanating from a personnel trench extend from the

west edge into the center of the combined-arms field training area (Area T2). This scarring was added

Five radiating linear ground scars emanating from a personnel trench extend from the west edge of the center of the combined-arms field training area (Area T3). This scarring was added

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**REQUIREMENT**

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